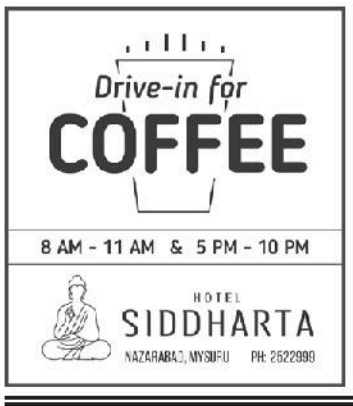

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MUDA site allotment scam probe

Lokayukta teams leave for Bengaluru to meet ADGP

- **MUDA officers likely to be summoned first**
- **85 days to dig records of 56-year-old land case !**

The Mysuru Lokayukta SP Office in city.

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Lokayukta Police have just 85 days remaining to submit their investigation report concerning the allotment of 14 MUDA sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi. The report is due by December 24, 2024, to the Special Court for Elected Representatives in Bengaluru.

Following the registration of the FIR (11/2024) against CM Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvathi, his brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, landowner J. Devaraju and others, four investigation teams were formed on Saturday.

This morning, Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh headed to Bengaluru to meet Lokayukta ADGP Manish Karbekar to provide an update on the ongoing investigation and to receive guidance on the process of issuing notices to the high-profile accused.

Though Sunday saw no activity at the Mysuru Lokayukta office, SP Udesh arrived at the office early today, convening a meeting at 8 am for about 45 minutes with the four heads of the investigation teams: Lokayukta Dy.SP S.K. Malteesh, Chamarajanagar Dy.SP Mathew Thomas, Mysuru Police Inspector Ravi Kumar and Madikeri Police Inspector Lokesh Kumar. Sources confirm that all team heads accompanied SP Udesh to Bengaluru for the meeting.

Notices first to officers?

As of now, there is uncertainty regarding when notices for appearances will be issued to the accused. However, it is likely that the first notices will be sent to both former and current MUDA officials, with the process expected to begin tomorrow.

(See LOKAYUKTA on page 6)

MUDA Chairman denies wrongdoings

K. Marigowda

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BLU& DM)- Vehemently denying allegations of his own partymen that he was mainly responsible for the current situation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, against whom an FIR has been filed by the Lokayukta Police in connection with MUDA alternative sites allotment scam, MUDA Chairman and senior Congress leader K. Marigowda said that he was deeply hurt by such false allegations.

Addressing a press meet at his chamber in MUDA Office on JLB Road here this morning, Marigowda said he grew politically under the shade of Siddaramaiah for over 40 years and as such he would not do anything that would put the CM in trouble. It is the Opposition BJP which has hatched a plot against the CM to force him to quit, he argued.

(See CHAIRMAN on page 6)

Accident on Bengaluru - Mysuru Highway

Miraculous escape for over 70 passengers; 20 injured

Mandya, Sept. 30 (VNS)- More than 20 passengers were injured this morning when a KSRTC bus toppled after colliding with a parked goods carrier (canter) in front of Sanjo Hospital on the service road of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway.

The incident occurred as the driver of the speeding Mysuru-bound KSRTC bus, carrying approximately 60-70 passengers, attempted to enter the service road from the highway. Losing control, the bus struck the goods carrier before turning over, injuring nearly all passengers on board. 20 persons sustained more injuries.

(See ACCIDENT on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 30th September 2024

Selected for Dasara and Savigannada Award-2024

Mysuru, Sept. 30- The following have been selected for Dasara and Savigannada Award-2024 instituted by Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Pathrika Balaga. The awards will be presented at the Institution of Engineers auditorium in city on Oct.9 at 10.30 am.

Dasara Kavi Award: Sujatha Ravish (literature); **Savigannada Samskruthika Award:** 1. Jnanamurthy (music), 2. V. Hussainappa (literature and administration), 3. S.L. Sriramana (company theatre), 4. K.R. Krishna (theatre and community service), 5. V. Uday Kumar (Hejje Gejje - amateur theatre), 6. Mysuru Anand (comedy), 7. Sumathi Subramanya (literature and spirituality), 8. Bhagyalakshmi Narayan (literature and education), 9. Chikkalli P. Devaraj (education, theatre and sharana sahitya), 10. Dr. M. Palaniswamy (literature and admiration for Kannada) and 11. Swaraj Jain Babu (social service).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CAN YOUR GURU RESCUE YOU FROM DEATH?:

Due to uncertainty, people are full of fear. Apart from different kinds of natural and human-made crises, there is the eternal fear of death. Every individual is sure to die, it is just not known when and how it will happen. BK Brij Mohan says, he is often asked whether the Brahma Kumaris can save them from death. A seeker argued, of what use is spirituality to us if it cannot help us escape death?

There is something in us that is eternal, the soul, that is imperishable. Even if you lose everything, says the Gita, you have an identity that is eternal. Once you become aware of this, you will no longer fear death. Krishn, in the Gita, says that once your body dies, your soul goes on to the next life. An earthquake might destroy everything, but not your soul. The answer BK Brij Mohan gave to the seeker was that the Brahma Kumaris impart knowledge that enables soul consciousness, thereby removing the fear of body-death. Their teachings can help the seeker overcome his fear of death and look towards the eternal soul that goes through millions of life cycles, remaining immortal, from one life to the next.

It is said that you are born as a human after going through births spanning 84 lakh species, so we need to know that human birth is precious, for only in this form, we have the potential to become fully aware of the limitations of the physical world, the eternal nature of a cyclical existence, and achieve salvation as realised souls. All life forms have souls, in varying degrees; it is only human souls that are more evolved. Once the individual realises that he is soul, not body, that should help him become fearless.

You cannot make an old, ruined building new unless you demolish it and build a new structure in its place. Similarly, when the body ages beyond repair, it gives way for a new life to be born in a new body. But we need to get rid of the five kleshas, negativities, in order to overcome suffering. Doctors specialise in different parts of the body but there is no one who specialises in soul healing. Who can help us heal the soul, remove the five viruses that infect it, but God the great healer, asks BK Brij Mohan. Hence it is more productive to meditate and focus on the eternal, rather than get entangled in temporary objects. *—Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India*

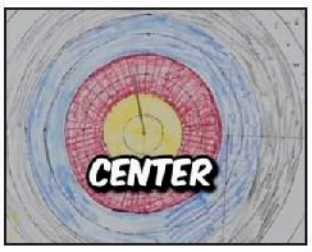
NEWS SPARKLERS

Train that passes through Pink Lake

Altai: Lake Burlinskoye, a salty lake located in Russia's Altai region close to the border with Kazakhstan, is famous both for its pink colour during the summer and the freight train passing through it every day.

Lake Burlinskoye is the largest single salt deposit in Siberia, with a saltiness that rivals that of the Dead Sea. It is precisely this exceptionally high saltiness that attracts a species of microscopic brine shrimp called Artemia salina which, as they multiply, end up turning the lake bright pink during the summer months. Siberia's pink lake is a strange enough sight, but what really sets Burlinskoye apart from other bodies of water is the freight train traversing it several times per day.

Man breaks chopstick throwing world record



Idaho: The man who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records reclaimed one of his own titles by throwing 28 metal chopsticks into an archery target in one minute.

David Rush, aka Record Breaker Rush on YouTube, originally broke the record in 2020 by striking his target with 19 thrown chopsticks in one minute.

His record was later beaten by someone who managed 21 hits, sending Rush back into training for the record.

He said the title is difficult because he had to stand more than 13 feet away from the target, and had to hit the two innermost colours on the standard archery target for a hit to count.

Rush said the new record attempt began fortuitously with his first chopstick hitting the exact centre of the bullseye.

In the end, he recaptured the title with 28 hits.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Increased sweating, feeling tired and anxious, mood swings and irritability, irregular periods in the form of frequent or delayed periods while attaining menopause is completely normal. This commonly happens between age group of 45 to 55 years in all women.

By Dr. Amulya K.G, Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

National seminar on AI Revolution on Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept. 30- The Department of Computer Science, MMK and SDM Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Krishnamurthypuram, will be hosting a one-day seminar on 'AI Revolution: Shaping the future through technological advancements' on Oct. 3 at 10 am.

The event will be inaugurated by Dr. D.S. Guru, Professor, Department of Studies in Computer Science, University of Mysore. Keynote address will be delivered by Dr. H.L. Shashirekha, Professor, Department of Studies in Computer Science, Mangalore University.

The seminar has been organised to highlight Artificial Intelligence's role in driving innovation across healthcare, finance, agriculture and creative industries. It aims to share knowledge among budding technocrats, orient academicians and motivate them to take up research work in the field of Artificial Intelligence.

The event features sessions by Dr. Thasleema, Assistant Professor, Department of Studies in Computer Science, Central University of Kerala; Dr. Anitha Raghavendra, Senior Data Scientist, Aashaya Designs and Solutions, Mysuru and Dr. M. Ramya, AI Systems and Solution Engineer, Intel, Bengaluru.

Interested academicians, research scholars and PG students of Computer Science may contact Seminar Convenor K.S. Sukrutha, Associate Professor and HoD of Computer Science on Mob: 99001-92418.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.08 feet**	Today's level **2,282.38 feet**	Today's level **2,857.98 feet**
Last year's level **97.56 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.29 feet**	Last year's level **2,854.02 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.06 feet**	Saturday's level **2,282.54 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,858.04 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,639 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,608 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **801 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,105 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,850 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Snails do sleep, but they do so quite a bit differently from humans. A typical snail sleep cycle lasts a few days (usually 2 to 4). After that, a snail can stay awake for longer than a full day. Snails are nocturnal, meaning they typically come out at night, just like moths. In some instances, snails have slept for years!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: "You have been learning for 8 months. You could only count upto five. What will you do in life if you continue like this?"

A: "A football match referee," he said coolly!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 111.94
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.79
1 Euro	= Rs. 93.53

VOICE OF THE READER

Public toilet and smoking
nuisance near JSS Law College

Sir,

This is to bring two issues to your notice that are causing problems for students and the public around JSS Law College.

First, the public toilet behind the college is in a terrible condition. It is neither cleaned nor maintained properly, and the foul stench even reaches the classrooms, making it difficult for students to focus during lessons.

Despite complaints to the authorities, no action has been taken to address the issue.

Second, many people are smoking near the college, which is against the law. This not only affects students and staff but is also harmful to the public passing by. The smoke creates an unhealthy and uncomfortable environment for everyone in the College area.

I urge the authorities to take immediate steps to ensure the public toilet is properly maintained and to strictly enforce a no-smoking policy in the area.

—Shashank S. Holla,
Law student

Mysuru
19.9.2024

New team of Mysore Gujarati Samaj

A group photo of the new Committee Members of Mysore Gujarati Samaj for 2024-26: President - Mehul J. Patel; Vice-President - Bharath M. Patel; Secretary - Kamlesh N. Modha; Joint Secretary - Vishal H. Shah; Treasurer - Jathin J. Shah; Committee Members - Mitesh C. Shah, Bala Dattesh Soni, Lokesh Soni, Gaurav Malaviya, Bipin Detroja, Manoj Bhai Harkhjibhai, Bipin Bathia, Mayank Doshi, Nirmal J. Shah and Monil Shah; Special Invitee - Karan J. Shah.

Free anti-rabies vaccination camps
mark World Rabies Day in city

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BCT)- People For Animals (PFA) and Reaching Out To Animals successfully conducted a free anti-rabies vaccination camp on Sept. 28 and 29, covering areas including K.G. Koppal, T.K. Layout and Vinayaka Nagar.

A total of 120 dogs were vaccinated: 54 in K.G. Koppal and T.K. Layout, 17 at PFA in Bogadi, and 49 in Hootagalli and its surrounding areas.

The vaccination drive, organised to mark World Rabies Day on Sept. 28, aimed to curb rabies in community dogs and promote responsible pet ownership.

The event was attended by notable individuals, including Deputy Director Dr. Nagaraj, Assistant Director Dr. Poornanand, and veterinarians from the Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. Santhosh Wadiyar, Dr. Ramith, and Dr. Harshith.

PFA's veterinarians — Dr. Amardeep Singh, Dr. Lokesh Babu, and Dr. Dilip — were also present, along with PFA volunteer Laurin Sabrowski from Germany and PFA Trustee Savitha Nagabhushan. The initiative was hailed as a success, contributing to the health and safety of the community and its animals.

Lions Club initiative

On Sept. 29, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Mysuru Taluk, in association with Dog Protection Trust and Lions Club, Mysuru administered free anti-rabies vaccines to dogs.

The animals at Lions School, Bannimantap and Mysuru Circle were vaccinated. Later, street dogs were vaccinated against rabies in the Bannimantap area of Mysuru city.

On the occasion, Assistant Director of the Department Dr. Purnima, Dr. Puttaraju, Dr. Santhosh Wadiyar, Dr. Ashok, Dr. Punith - Veterinary officers, Venkatesh, Ganeshmurthy, Gopi, Mahesh, Bhagyamma, Sunil, and technical staff of the Department were present along with members of Dog Protection Trust.

President of Lions Club Dr. Ashwini Hullahatti, Dr. Mithya, Vidya, Namrata, Pooja, Helen and others were also present.

Office-bearers of IMA

The new team of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysuru Branch, for the year 2024-2025 was installed at a ceremony held at IMA Building, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru, recently. The new office-bearers, who were elected unanimously are: Dr. D. Parameshwar Naik - President (3rd from left); Dr. K.P. Devi Anand - Hon. Secretary; Dr. A. Sridhar - Treasurer; Dr. N. Chandrabhan Singh - President-Elect; Dr. Manjunath - Vice-President and Dr. M.B. Mahesh - Joint Secretary.

Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Radiation & Medical Oncologist, Philanthropist and Executive Chairman, Health-Care Global Enterprises Limited, who is also the Chairman of Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology, has been honoured with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the 10th edition of the Integrated Health and Well-being (IHW) Summit & Global Health Leaders Awards, held in Dubai recently.

Dr. Ajaikumar

This recognition celebrates his outstanding contributions to healthcare and his unwavering dedication to HCG's mission.

While Dr. Ajaikumar was unable to attend the event in person due to his commitments in Bengaluru, the award was collected on his behalf by the daughter of one of the patients, who resides in Dubai.

Sharannavarathri events from Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Sharannavarathri Shathachandika Homa will be organised from Oct.3 to11 at Sri Amruteshwara temple, Devaraja Mohalla in city. Shathachandika Homa will be performed every day on account of Navarathri from Oct. 3 to 11 from 9 am and ends at 12.30 pm.

On Oct.17, which happens to be a full moon day, the poornahuti rituals will be held under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma, Vice-President of Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha.

D.T. Prakash, District Mahasabha President, will also participate in the event.

Shathachandika Homa, supervised by Vid. Yagneshwara Aital, will be performed under the leadership of M. Kumar. Separate sankalpa will be held daily.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dasara Doll Arrangement

As part of Dasara festivities, Bharat Vikasa Parishad, Bharadwaja Shakha, Mysuru, will be conducting a Dasara Doll Arrangement Contest in city. The contest is open for members of the public and for organisations. Commercial establishments are barred from contesting. The application forms are available at the following places: Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, Nazarbad, Ph: 2445220; Srinidhi Bahusar, No. 48, opposite Sri Ramanjaneya Temple, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Mob: 98867-28816. The judges of the contest will visit the participating houses on Oct. 5, 6, 7 and 8 to evaluate the Dasara Doll Arrangements at the spot in three categories. Last date to apply is Oct. 4. The prize distribution function will be held on Oct. 19 at 4.30 pm at Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, Nazarbad, according to a press release from Bharat Vikasa Parishad.

STEAM Workshop at SJCE-STEP

Piefly Aviation & Gravity Science Foundation have organised a 2-day STEAM Workshop during Dasara-2024 on Oct. 8 and 9 at SJCE-STEP in city. The workshop includes hands-on experiments, Drone assembly, Telescope making, Water rocket launcher making, Stargazing, Robotics, 3D Printing, Basic electronics, Biomedical instrumentation, IoT, HAM Radio, Math magic and Basic science experiments etc. The workshop is open to students aged 10 years and above and science enthusiastics of all ages. For registration, contact Mob: 96069-31675 or 96069-31676, according to a press release.

No Meat Sale on Oct. 2

As part of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, the sale of meat has been banned within the limits of the MCC on Oct. 2. Accordingly, all abattoirs and meat shops in the MCC limits have been ordered to shut down for the day, according to a press release.

Appointed

Shivamma, a resident of J.P. Nagar in city, has been appointed as President of Mysuru City Women's Wing of Lingayat-Gowda Mahasabha, Karnataka, at a meeting held in the presence of Sri Basavajaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji at Nataraj Sabha Bhavan here recently.

Caste census report to be implemented: CM

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurating Mysuru District BCM Hostels Senior Students Society at a programme organised at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (GA&DM)- Maintaining that his Government conducted the Socio-Economic Census (Caste Census) in order to identify the deprived sections, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said here that the Caste Census report will be tabled at the next Cabinet meeting and measures will be taken to implement its recommendations.

He was speaking after inaugurating Mysuru District BCM Hostels Senior Students Society at a programme organised at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road here yesterday.

"The Government has accepted the Caste Census report. However, due to some reasons, the report has not yet been implemented," he said.

Asserting that the Congress is for Caste Census, the CM said that it is notable that the Caste Census, along with the Population Census, has not taken place since 1931. Now Caste Census is being widely debated in all States of the country, he contended.

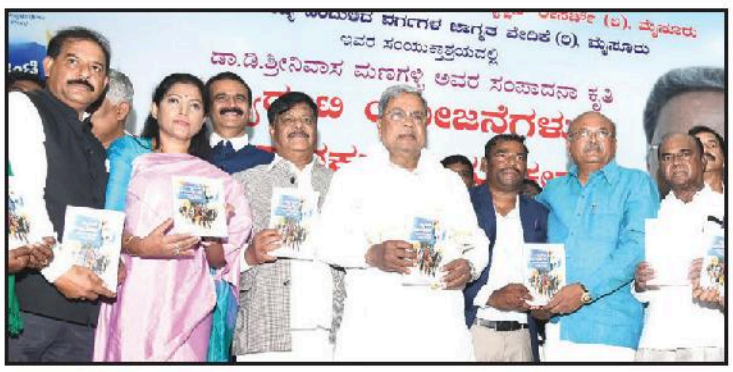
Continuing, the CM said that at present 1.87 lakh students are staying in Hostels across the State. The Government has increased the Unit expenses allotted to each student from Rs. 1,750 to Rs. 1,850 this year. At present, there are 822 Morarji Desai Residential Schools in the State and 20 more Residential Schools will be started this year, Siddaramaiah said adding that the Government plans to establish at least one Residential School in every hobli, for which the Govt. has taken measures.

Noting that the erstwhile Mysuru ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar introduced the reservation system even before the Constitution came into being, the CM said that Nagegowda Committee was formed in the State in 1960 and Havanur Commission was formed when D. Devaraj Urs was the Chief Minister in the 1970s for bringing about reservation covering all Backward Classes.

The Havanur Commission report was implemented despite stiff opposition from some quarters, he said adding that the BCM Hostels was first established in 1977 when Urs was the Chief Minister. Since then, these hostels have grown enormously, with over 1.87 lakh students staying in them, he pointed out.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs Tanveer Sait, Anil Chikkamadu, Darshan Dhruvanarayan, D. Ravishankar and K. Harishgowda, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Society President B. Shivaswamy, who is also the current President of KAS Officers Association, Bengaluru, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara, who is also the Working President of the Society, other office-bearers M. Ramaiah, R. Mahadeva, B.P. Rajesh, K. Rukmangada, J.K. Ramegowda and others were present.

Guarantees were implemented to empower society: Siddaramaiah



CM Siddaramaiah releasing the book 'Guarantee Yojanegalu: Badavara Surakshate mattu Kalyana,' edited by Dr. D. Srinivasa Managalli, at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus on Saturday.

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BLU&DM)- Maintaining that the 'Anna Bhagya' Scheme was implemented to ensure that no one suffers from hunger and no one begs for food, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that he introduced Five Guarantee Schemes in order to empower everyone in the society.

He was speaking after releasing Dr. D. Srinivasa Managalli edited book 'Guarantee Yojanegalu: Badavara Surakshate mattu Kalyana' at a programme jointly organised by the DoS in Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM), Institute for Social Workers for Action Research and Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here on Saturday.

Noting that he did not introduce the Guarantee Schemes just for the sake of votes or publicity, Siddaramaiah said that the Schemes were introduced for social and economic empowerment of the people.

Observing that the society will be free of the caste system only if there is economic and social betterment, the CM highlighted the reasons on why he first introduced 'Anna Bhagya' Scheme for alleviating the plight of people seeking and begging for food.

Pointing out it is important that beneficiaries of the Guarantee Schemes should come out in the open and talk about its benefits, Siddaramaiah said that there will be criticisms and ridicules about everything, which have to be tolerated for doing good to the society.

Playwright K.Y. Narayanaswamy, in his address, said that the Five Guarantee Schemes have been the driving force for a large section of the society. The book is like a social audit of the Guarantee Schemes, he added. He also sought the Government to fill up all backlog vacancies in the State.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that several vested interests were attempting to oust the Siddaramaiah Government, which should be resisted with all might. Stating that the CM is striving for building an equal society, he wanted the Guarantee Schemes beneficiaries to raise their voice against those opposing the Schemes.

Kannada Development Authority Chairman Purushottam Bilimale, in his address, said that the Guarantee Schemes saved the lives of many poor people.

Arguing that PM Modi's economic policies had taken the country downward even before the COVID pandemic, he said those who do not understand this cannot realise the significance of the Guarantee Schemes. He further said that the 'Shakti' Scheme which facilitates free travel for women in KSRTC buses within the State, is a first of its kind mobility schemes that the State had never witnessed before.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and Dharwad's Karnataka State Higher Education Academy Director Prof. M. Chandra Poojari too spoke.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Chairman H.M. Revanna, Vice-Chairpersons Dr. Pushpa Amarnath and Suraj Hegde, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu, the book editor Dr. Srinivasa Managalli, UoM's DoS in Social Work Head Prof. Chandramouli, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and others were present.

District Administration invites Pramoda Devi for Dasara-2024

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (PM&BCT)- With the 10-day Dasara festival scheduled from Oct.3 to 12, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa formally extended the invitation to erstwhile royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar on behalf of the State Government, at her residence in the Mysore Palace premises here yesterday.

The Minister also presented her the royalty cheque given by the State Government as is the practice every year. He discussed the royal assets to be used during the celebrations including the Golden Howdah and other paraphernalia.

Dr. Mahadevappa said he sought the participation and co-operation of Pramoda Devi for the success of Dasara.

Accepting the invite, Pramoda Devi assured the Minister and the District Administration of full cooperation during Nada Habba.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Palace Security ACP H.M. Chandrashekar and others accompanied the District Minister.

Dasara illumination: Mysuru Rail Museum working hours extended

Mysuru, Sept. 30- The Mysuru Rail Museum, located on KRS Road, will be illuminated and its working hours will be extended up to 8 pm during the Dasara festivities, from Oct. 3 to 13.

Visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy a breathtaking view of the illuminated outdoor exhibits at the Rail Museum, including vintage steam locomotives, coaches, wagons, the toy train, a hand-operated crane, a rail bus, cave entry, tree lights and a steam fire pump.

Additionally, all coaches, wagons and trees inside the Mysuru Rail Museum will be aesthetically illuminated with various matching lights, including LED flood lights, par lights, rice lights and serial sets, creating a spectacular attraction for tourists visiting Mysuru.

During this period, the working hours of the museum will be extended by two hours, allowing visitors to stay until 8 pm.

Additionally, the Rail Museum will be open to the public on Oct. 8, despite being a regular holiday.

Photography with SLR/DSLR cameras will be allowed upon payment of the prescribed charges. However, eatables, helmets, baggage and backpacks will not be permitted inside the Museum premises, according to Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division.

Six Ambaari buses for city illumination trip from Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept.30 (RK&BCT)- As every year, during this year's Dasara festival from Oct. 3, the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) has arranged for six Ambaari double-decker buses to tour Mysuru city's illuminated streets.

The Ambaari buses will run three trips at 6.30 pm, 8 pm, and 9.30 pm. The ticket price is fixed at Rs. 250 for the lower deck and Rs. 500 for the more popular upper deck that has a better view.

The buses will depart from the front of Hotel Mayura Hoysala that houses the KSTDC Office on JLB Road in Mysuru. Interested individuals must book their tickets online. Tickets can be reserved through the official website, allowing passengers to enjoy the illuminated view of the city during Dasara from the Ambaari bus.

The route for the bus starting from Mayura Hoysala will pass through Hunsur Road and proceed via Crawford Hall, Maharaja's College Grounds, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Gun House Circle, Hardinge Circle, K.R. Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road, Government Ayurveda Circle and Railway Station Junction before returning to Mayura Hotel.

Except for the Dasara period, on regular days, there will be only one Ambaari bus departing from the southern gate of the Mysore Palace. For this bus, the ticket price for both decks is set at Rs. 250. The Ambaari bus, with a seating capacity of 47, sees heavy demand for the upper deck. Visit *www.kstdc.co* for online booking or call Ph: 0821-2423652 for further details.

Trips at 6.30 pm, 8 pm, 9.30 pm.
TICKET PRICE:
Rs. 250 for lower deck, Rs. 500 for upper deck

Ambaari bus design flaw yet to be rectified by KSTDC

The Ambaari bus ride is a highly popular service during Dasara as people vie with each other to witness the captivating illumination of city roads from the upper deck of the bus. But unfortunately, the inherent design flaws of these six buses are yet to be rectified.

Looks like those opting for the bus ride will have to stand on the upper deck this year also for an unobstructed view of city illumination.

Following complaints last year, the KSTDC Managing Director had told *Star of Mysore*, "We have got representations by the public and the media and we will rectify the flaws for better visual experience by next Dasara."

As the KSTDC has not taken any step in this regard, tourists favouring the top open deck of Ambaari buses will have stand to enjoy the best views of Mysuru during Dasara.

Enhanced night security at Yuva Dasara venue

District Minister instructs officers to ensure no gaps in security while accommodating large crowd

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BCT)- Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa conducted an inspection yesterday at the Yuva Dasara event site near Uttanahalli, on the city's outskirts.

During discussions with officials, he highlighted the importance of Yuva Dasara, a key attraction of the grand Dasara festivities, drawing crowds from Mysuru and surrounding districts. He asked officials to ensure all essential facilities are in place to accommodate the large audience.

Emphasising security, especially with the event extending late into the night, the Minister called for stringent measures to guarantee safety, particularly for women.

He insisted that additional precautions be taken to ensure a secure environment throughout the celebration. Streetlights along the route must be installed to facilitate safe passage for attendees, and clear signage should be placed at the parking area to manage the flow of vehicles effectively.

With the significant influx of young attendees, Dr. Mahadevappa underscored the need for meticulous planning to avoid any disruption. He urged law enforcement to ensure no gaps in security, stressing the importance of preventive measures during the night festivities.

Accompanying him were senior DIGP Southern Range Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, District Superintendent of Police Vishnuvardhan, Assistant Commissioner K.R. Rakshith, and other key officials.

MUDA Chairman

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"It is unfortunate that some Congressmen, who had a wrong perception about me, tried to gherao me at Mysore Airport when I went there to receive the Chief Minister. The decision to allot alternative sites as per 50:50 ratio basis to the CM's wife was taken when the BJP Government was in power in 2020. I took charge as the MUDA Chairman on Mar. 1, 2024 following a Government order. I am the one who always believed that CM Siddaramaiah was akin to my home God. But it is very disturbing for me to hear some Congressmen blaming me for the situation that the CM is currently facing. I want to reiterate that I have not done anything wrong in MUDA that brought disgrace or discredit to the CM," Marigowda clarified.

Highlighting the measures he had taken for stopping allotment of alternative sites on 50:50 ratio basis or as incentive sites, MUDA Chairman Marigowda asserted that he had tried his best to stop the illegalities in MUDA.

Venting out his ire against his detractors within the Congress, the MUDA Chairman bemoaned that the District Congress President had not taken any disciplinary action against those partymen who tried to gherao him at Mysore Airport, which forced him to leave the venue under Police protection.

Reiterating his unquestionable loyalty to CM Siddaramaiah, he squarely blamed the BJP for the MUDA scam and urged the District Congress President to take immediate action against fellow partymen who humiliated him.

Lokayukta teams for Bengaluru

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Facing a tight deadline, the Lokayukta Police have been tasked with investigating alleged offences spanning from 27.10.1968 to 9.11.2023.

In addition to gathering information from MUDA officers and the accused, the teams are required to trace and procure land records dating back to 1935, when Ninga, the original owner of the disputed property in Kesare survey numbers 462, 464, held ownership.

Though Ninga's son J. Devaraju is one of the accused, the Lokayukta Police must also involve his brothers Mallaiah and Mylaraiah in the investigation.

Mallaiah and Mylaraiah's families have already appealed to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner for their share of the property, claiming that Devaraju kept them in the dark when he sold their father Ninga's land to CM Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy.

The Lokayukta Police have just 85 days to gather evidence and unravel the 50-year-old land deal in this complex case.

Gold Cards not sold out; we will print more: DC

More affordable options for Yuva Dasara with tickets priced at Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,500

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has confirmed that over 1,000 Dasara Gold Cards, each priced at Rs. 6,500, are still available for purchase at *www.mysoredasara.gov.in.* He added that the District Administration is prepared to print more cards if necessary.

Addressing a press conference this morning at the new DC office, alongside District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, the DC dismissed rumours that the Gold Cards had sold out, ensuring that the general public still has access to them.

"We initiated the sale of Gold Cards as well as other event tickets — Jumbo Savari ticket at the Palace for Rs. 3,500 and the Torchlight Parade ticket for Rs. 1,000 — and over 1,000 Gold Cards remain available. We will print additional cards if there is genuine demand," the DC stated. However, he declined to disclose how many Gold Cards were printed initially.

"Previously, Gold Cards were purchased in bulk, with individuals buying 200 to 300 cards at a time. However, due to the OTP system, each person can now buy only four Gold Cards," the Deputy Commissioner stated.

Addressing concerns regarding the pricing of Yuva Dasara tickets, which have been criticised as exorbitant at Rs. 8,000 and Rs. 6,000 per person per day, the DC clarified that more affordable options priced at Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,500 are also available.

"Those who purchase the Rs. 8,000 and Rs. 6,000 tickets will have front-row seating at the concerts, while those with Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 1,500 tickets will be seated behind them," he explained.

Highlighting the scale of Yuva Dasara, the DC noted that international-level artistes will be performing, and spectator galleries have been constructed to accommodate over 90,000 attendees.

"This is why we relocated the Yuva Dasara venue from the usual Maharaja's College Grounds, which can hold only 25,000 to 30,000 people, to an 80-acre site on the outskirts of the city near Uttanahalli, allowing us to accommodate up to one lakh people," he added.

He emphasised that comprehensive security measures, including CCTV cameras, street lighting, and night bus services, have been put in place to ensure the safety and convenience of the crowd during Yuva Dasara.

On the proposal to make illuminated streets in the Central Business District traffic-free during Dasara, the DC announced that three days from October 3 will be designated for traffic-free access on D. Devaraj Urs Road and 50 percent of the areas surrounding the Mysore Palace. Depending on the success of these three days, additional traffic-free days may be implemented.

Accident on Highway

Mandya DC Dr. Kumara** (centre) **and others seen with accident victim at the Sanjo Hospital in Mandya this morning.

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The KSRTC bus was travelling from Tumakuru to Mysuru and its front part bore significant damage. Had the goods vehicle not been present at the spot, the bus would have likely collided with an electric transformer, potentially resulting in more serious injuries. Fortunately, no fatalities were reported.

Immediately following the accident, passersby rushed to assist the passengers, helping them escape through the windows. Nursing staff from Sanjo Hospital quickly provided first aid to the injured.

Approximately 20 passengers were taken to the hospital, while around 10 individuals with more serious injuries were transported to the Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) for treatment.

The accident also blocked vehicle movement on the service road. Mandya DC Dr. Kumara, SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, and Additional SP C.E. Thimmaiah visited the scene to oversee rescue operations. A crane was later summoned to remove the overturned bus, allowing traffic to flow smoothly once more.

Speaking to reporters, Mallikarjun Baladandi stated that, on initial assessment, over-speeding appeared to be the cause of the incident. He emphasised that further investigation would be conducted to determine the exact circumstances. He also confirmed that no casualties had been reported.

Second phase of cannon firing drill for Dasara jumbos held

Hiranya panics while Rohit stands still

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (MTY&KS)- The second phase of cannon firing drill to get Dasara elephants and horses accustomed to the booming sound of cannons was held successfully at Dasara Exhibition parking lot in city yesterday.

While Rohit, who had panicked on hearing the cannon sound during the first drill, stood still this time, Kumki elephant Hiranya panicked a bit but was controlled by her mahout and kavadi.

The cannon firing drill is conducted by the Pirangi Dal staff drawn from City Armed Reserve (CAR) Police force. A total of 21 shots are fired in three rounds using seven cannons.

Varalakshmi exempted: A total of 14 Dasara elephants have arrived to take part in Dasara out of which Varalakshmi, the senior most elephant, has been exempted from taking part in the firing drill. The remaining 13 elephants, led by Captain Abhimanyu took part in the cannon firing drill yesterday.

Experiment with crackers: During the first phase of cannon firing drill, elephants Rohit, Hiranya and Doddaharave Lakshmi had panicked. In this backdrop, crackers were burst before commencing the cannon firing as an experiment and only after the elephants and horses remained calm to the crackers sound, cannons were fired.

Hiranya panics: Before the commencement of cannon firing, Hiranya was separated from other elephants which were standing in a line. Hiranya was made to stand behind other Dasara jumbos where her mahout, kavadi and caretakers were trying to calm her.

While Hiranya was being calmed down, the cannon firing drill began and on hearing the booming sound coming out of the seven cannons, Hiranya panicked and suddenly turned towards her right bringing her kavadi who was holding her trunk to her right side making it look like she dragged the kavadi with her trunk.

Later, Hiranya began to obey the commands of her mahout and kavadi and after the cannon firing drill concluded, she (Hiranya) was brought back to the Palace along with other elephants.

Jumbos rush towards cannons: When the third and final round of cannon firing began, the jumbos began to move towards the cannons when they were being fired. As soon as Abhimanyu took its first step towards the cannons, Mahendra, Bheema, Dhananjaya, Prashanth, Sugreeva, Gopi, Kanjan, Ekalavya, Lakshmi and Doddaharave Lakshmi among other elephants began to walk towards the cannons. By the time 21 shots were fired, all the elephants had come near the cannons, inhaled the gunpowder smoke and lifted their trunks as a show of courage.

DCF (Wildlife) Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda, Forest Mobile Squad DCF Dr. Chandrashekar Patil, Mounted Police Commandant V. Shailendra, Palace Security ACP Chandrashekar, CAR ACP Satish, RFO Santosh Hugar, Veterinarians Dr. Mujeeb Rehman and Dr. Waseem Mirza and others were present.

Mystery shrouds death of Cheluvamba Hospital CMO

Dr. Vidyadhare

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (SPN,RK&KS)- A 42-year-old doctor was found dead under mysterious circumstances at her flat in Lakshmipuram here yesterday morning. The deceased doctor is Dr. Vidyadhare, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Cheluvamba Hospital.

A resident of an apartment in Lakshmipuram in city, she was residing with her husband, K.R. Hospital CMO Dr. Shanmukha and three children.

Dr. Vidyadhare, after completing her work at the hospital on Saturday night, came home and slept in her room along with her children. As she did not come out of the room even after 9 am on Sunday, her husband went to the room only to find her dead.

Sensing something fishy over the death of Dr. Vidyadhare, her brother Srikanth lodged a complaint with Lakshmipuram Police, who rushed to the spot along with fingerprint experts and FSL team and conducted preliminary investigation besides conducting mahazar.

Cops have registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

Police sources said that Dr. Vidyadhare was suffering from low blood pressure and had also undergone surgical procedure on her ear. The exact cause of her death would be known only after receiving the FSL and post-mortem report, sources added.

Labourer stabs manager to death

Hunsur, Sept. 30 (KS)- A labourer stabbing his manager to death over trivial reasons has been reported from a piggery Hebballa village near Hanagod in Hunsur taluk on Friday late night.

The deceased manager has been identified as Girish Abraham (38), a native of Wayanad district in Kerala and accused is Shamshuddin, who has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

Girish and Shamshuddin were working in the piggery belonging to one Hanif from Kerala. On Friday night, Shamshuddin, accusing Girish of giving him more work and complaining against him to the owner, picked up a fight and stabbed Girish on his back.

Girish, who sustained serious injury and bleeding profusely, was being rushed to a hospital by other workers but is said to have breathed his last midway.

Girish's brother Vinod Abraham has lodged a complaint with Hunsur Rural Police. Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvarhan, Additional SP Nagesh, Dy.SP Gopalakrishna, Inspector Muniyappa and staff visited the spot.

Hunsur Rural Police, who have registered a case, arrested the accused near a bar at Neralakuppe. Police staff Ravi and Imran arrested the accused, Police officials said.

90-day Dasara Exhibition from Oct. 3

Plastic-free Dasara Exhibition; Figures of animals made from plants to attract visitors; Interactive Park for kids; Airport-like drinking water facility

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (MTY&KS)- The 90-day Dasara Exhibition will commence from Oct. 3 and will conclude on Dec. 31 at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city, said Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan.

Addressing a press meet at his office in Dasara Exhibition Grounds here this morning, Ayub Khan said that this year's expo will be a unique one with importance given to make Dasara Exhibition plastic-free.

Tender awarded at Rs. 10.03 crore

The KEA Chairman said that a tender was called for Rs. 9,77,35,331 for entry fee, parking lot, commercial stalls in A block, food stalls and amusement park and Bengaluru's Fun World and Resorts Pvt. Ltd. bagged the tender for Rs. 10.03 crore.

Continuing, Ayub Khan said that this year, under the new concept 'Brand Mysuru,' Mysore Silk, Mysore Beetle Leaves, Nanjangud Rasabale, Mysore Mallige (Jasmine), Mysore Pak and Mysore Sandal Soap and Oil will be displayed at the expo.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan and others seen releasing the posters at the KEA office in Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city this morning.

Special lighting arrangements are made to the entry arch of the expo, space in front of it and paths inside the expo will be illuminated, the KEA Chairman said and added that airport-like drinking water fountain plant have been installed for the benefit of visitors at 15 points in expo premises.

For children

To attract children and others, 'Kinnara Dasara' will be held for the first time for which an interactive park and 3D entertainment will be set up to create a touch and feel environment. A 22 ft. tall Panda will be created along with other small statues of puppies, cats, dolphin, fishes, birds and squirrel out of plants and bushes.

The KEA Chairman said that 20 State Government stalls, four Zilla Panchayat stalls, two Central Government stalls and nine stalls of various Boards and Corporations will be coming up at the expo besides stating that electric vehicles will ferry the physically challenged and senior citizens visiting the exhibition. He said that cultural programmes will be held on all 90 days and added that the entry fee for children is priced at Rs. 20 and adults will be charged Rs. 35 per head.

Obituary

Ramanna

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Ramanna (65), a civil contractor and a resident of Kanakagiri, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Avinash Gowda

Nanjangud: Avinash Gowda (45), a resident of Vokkalageri in the town, passed away following a heart attack this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, parents and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the burial grounds near Parashurama Temple this afternoon, according to family sources.

JSS Knowledge Resource Centre for Science and Technology

Mysuru, Sept. 30- JSS Knowledge Resource Centre for Science and Technology is established by JSS Mahavidyapeetha at Suttur Sri Kshetra, Nanjangud taluk in the district with financial assistance from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka.

This Centre aims to be an excellent educational and resource centre for students and teachers to enrich their scientific knowledge by fostering awareness, a scientific attitude and a scientific way of thinking. Additionally, it offers an immersive and experiential setting for both entertainment and learning.

Regular workshops are being conducted for the students of high schools in two sessions.

Session 1- Hands-on training with Science models: Science models will be demonstrated (hands-on training) to the students in order to enhance their understanding of Science by promoting awareness, a scientific mindset and a scientific way of thinking. By receiving practical instruction and exposure to real-world concepts, the students will improve their ability to reason and make more informed decisions. For this, 30 indoor Science models and 16 outdoor Science models based on scientific ideas were developed.

These exhibits create an innovative learning environment where School children learn the scientific ideas while enjoying.

Session 2- Student Development Programme: The student development programme plays a crucial role in helping High School students grow academically. In this session, the Centre will provide the academic support such as study skills, mind management memory and concentration technique which can enhance students' academic performance.

So far, 874 students from different High Schools have visited the Centre and participated in the workshop. The High School students can visit this Centre and experience hands-on training with innovative science models. The entry is free.

For more information contact the Coordinator on Mob: 96866-77234.

Mysuru Physician presented with 'Samaja Seva Ratna Award'

Dr. Sujit Chandrahas, Physician, Smitha Clinic, T.K. Layout, Mysuru, who received 'Samaja Seva Ratna Award' from Kannada Film Chamber, Bengaluru, at a function held at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru recently, is seen with (from left) Shivu Gowda, Dr. N.N. Prahallada, Vice-President, Kannada Film Chamber, M.S. Ravindra, President, Kannada Film Chamber and Manjunath.

Janahitha Sangha office-bearers

Janahitha Sangha, Mysuru, conducted its Annual General Body Meeting in city recently and the new office-bearers were elected. Seen are (sitting from left) S. Ramadas (Treasurer), George Mascarenhas (Vice-President), S. Javarappa (President) and G. Lakshmi (Secretary); standing: M.S. Shankaranarayan, Amit L. Doijode, Ambika Venkatesh, Basappa C. Salundi and Lokesh (all Committee Members).

Rotaract Club installed at Mahajana FGC

Mysuru, Sept. 30- The Rotaract Club of Mahajana First Grade College (FGC) held its Installation Ceremony at Vivekananda Hall of Mahajana Education Society, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, recently.

Dr. S.R. Ramesh, CEO & Academic Advisor, was the chief guest. Dr. K.A. Prahlad, Assistant Governor of RID 3181 Zone 7, was the guest of honour. Yashomathi Ravindranath, DRCC, RID 3181, was the Installing Officer.

M.S. Shashank Gowda, the outgoing President, handed over the reins to the newly elected President, Mohit Purohit.

The previous Secretary, J. Rakshitha, was succeeded by Arman Bilal as the new Secretary. Sanjana V. Shakhapur was appointed as the Vice-President and Abhay Muralidhar took on the role of Joint Secretary.

The installation was formally conducted by Yashomathi Ravindranath, who inducted the new office-bearers into their respective roles. In his address, the newly elected President, Mohit Purohit, outlined his vision for the upcoming year, focusing on initiatives aimed at community service, leadership development and fostering collaboration.

Rtn. R. Sanjay, District Rotaract Representative of RID 3181 (DRR), Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College and Club Teacher Convenor V. Gayathri praised the Club's efforts and encouraged the members to continue making a positive impact on society.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by a networking session among the attendees. The Rotaract Club of Mahajana FGC has been actively involved in several community initiatives and looks forward to engaging in more impactful projects during the upcoming year.

Yuva Sambhrama-2024

Students spread the message of equality, culture of Karnataka

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (MK&VNS)- Late evening rains did not deter the audience from enjoying the dance performances of students on the penultimate day of Yuva Sambhrama-2024 at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri yesterday. The students performed to the songs displaying patriotism and equality.

Yesterday's programmes also witnessed students paying tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and displaying their affection to Kannada language and land.

Students of Bharathi First Grade College, Malavalli, performed to a patriotic song 'Jaggadu Jaggadu Yarigu Nam India' paying tributes to India soldiers. Meanwhile, the students of Seshadripuram Degree College spread the message of 'Vande Mataram' holding the national symbols Lotus, Peacock, Tiger and the National Emblem.

Later, the students of Sri Sathya Sai Industrial Training Institute, Hunsur, spread the message of equality and also paid tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. This was followed by a performance by students of Morarji Desai Residential School & College, Nanjangud, who created awareness about blood donation among the audience.

Students of Kodagu's Siddapura Composite PU College and Gonikoppal Cauvery College, wearing traditional attire, showcased the rich Kodava culture.

This was followed by folk performances by the students of Abhinava Bharathi PU College, Mandya, Government First Grade College, Gundlupet, Belikere College, Government First Grade College, Naguvanahalli, Srirangapatna and JSS PU College, Nanjangud. The students of R.K. College of Nursing, Bengaluru, Government First Grade College, Mandya and JSS Polytechnic College, through their programmes, highlighted the history of Unification of Karnataka.

Later, the students of Royal PU College, Mathikere, Bengaluru, showcased the legacy of Lord Rama. Students of Government Polytechnic College, Holenarasipura, Christ College, Mysuru and JSS Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysuru, invoked the blessings of Navadurge and Lord Hanuman through their performance. Mysuru's Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital troupe created awareness on female foeticide.

Actress Priya of Kannada movie 'Bheema' fame, actor Rishi and comedian Shivraj K.R. Pete also added glitter to event.

Posters of Dasara Flower Show, Kavigoshti, Cultural Events released

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (PM&VNS)- With just four days left for the commencement of this year's Dasara festival, the District Administration has been working round the clock to ensure works are completed before Oct. 3.

As a part of the publicity event, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa released the posters of Flower Show, Kavigoshti and Cultural Programmes at Mysore Palace Board office at Mysore Palace premises here yesterday.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa (centre) seen releasing the posters of Dasara Flower Show, Kavigoshti and Cultural Programmes at Mysore Palace Board office in Mysore Palace premises yesterday as Dasara Special Officer and DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and others look on.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the Cultural Programme at the Mysore Palace premises would be held between Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 of which the inaugural event would be held on Oct. 3 at 6.30 pm during which the 'Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan' award will be presented.

The cultural events in front of Mysore Palace will be held between 4 pm and 10 pm every day. Apart from the Mysore Palace premises, cultural events will held at Jaganmohan Palace, Kalamandira, Ganabharathi, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha and Dufferin Clock Tower in city and in front of Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud. This year, a total of 320 cultural troupes and about 4,000 artistes will be performing on various stages across the city and in Nanjangud, he said.

This apart, about 6,000 artistes from professional and amateur theatre artistes will stage mythological, historical, social plays and also render theatre songs (ranga geethegalu) at Town Hall, Natana Rangamandira, Kiru Rangamandira and RamaGovinda Rangamandira.

Dasara Kavigoshti

Noted writer and film director Nagathihalli Chandrashekar will inaugurate the Dasara Kavigoshti on Oct. 5 at 10.30 am at Jaganmohan Palace. Thinker Dr. Banjagere Jayaprakash will be the chief guest. Pranathi R. Gadada will be the 'Chiguru' guest.

Dasara Kavigoshti will be held between Oct. 5 and 9 from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm.

Oct. 5: 'Samarasa (regional) Kavigoshti' will be inaugurated by noted lyricist Nagendra Prasad. About 33 poets from Mysuru and surrounding districts will take part.

Oct. 6: 'Samanata Kavigoshti' will be inaugurated by Devu Pattara. Shankar Devanur will preside. Prashanth Nayak will be the chief guest. Over 30 participants, who are serving in different professions and are poets by hobby, will take part.

Oct. 7: 'Santasa Kavigoshti' will be inaugurated by scholar Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah. Dr. Basavaraja Sadara will preside. Dr. Latha Rajashekar will be the chief guest. There will be jugalbandi by 11 poets.

Oct. 8: 'Samashti Kavigoshti' is a new feature this year with poets of different languages from across the globe taking part. Poet Dr. H.S. Shivaprakash will inaugurate. Prof. K.Y. Narayanaswamy will preside. J.N. Tejashree will be the chief guest. A total of 15 poets will take part.

Oct. 9: 'Samruddha Kavigoshti' will be inaugurated by Dr. H.L. Pushpa. Abdul Rasheed of Mysore Akashvani will preside. Prof. Kavitha Rai will be the chief guest. Poets from 31 districts will take part.

Flower Show

The Dasara Flower Show, to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will be held between Oct. 3 and Oct. 12 at Kuppanna Park.

The entry tickets for Flower Show are priced at Rs. 50 with free entrance to children aged below six years and Rs. 25 for children in the age group of 6 to 12 years.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and members of all three Sub-Committees were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ilk

Pronunciation: ILK (Noun)
Meaning: Ilk is a noun that means "sort" or "kind." It is usually used in short phrases with and or of, as in "and that ilk" and "of their ilk."
Origin: The noun ilk comes from the Old English pronoun ilca by way of a pronoun ilk that is still in use, but not in most modern English dialects. That ilk is synonymous with same, and persists chiefly in Scotland where it's used in the phrase "of that ilk," meaning "of the same place, territorial designation, or name." It is generally used in reference to the names of land-owning families and their eponymous estates, as in "the Grants of that ilk," which means "the Grants of Grant." In the late 1700s, the Scots phrase extended to mean "of that kind or sort," a usage that found its way into modern English.
Example: When they weren't working, Oak Ridgers found plenty to keep them occupied. ...There were sports teams, clubs of every ilk, bowling alleys, & dances most nights of week." —Denise Kiernan, Rolling Stone, 17 July 2023

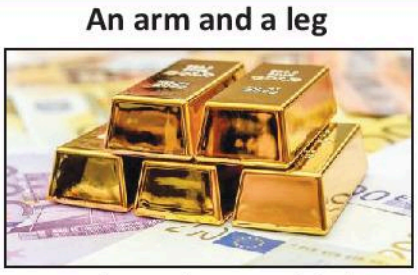
THE ODD WORD

Cordiform

Heart-shaped.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

An arm and a leg



Meaning: When you use the term 'An arm and a leg' you mean that something is expensive.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'An arm and a leg' is from 1940's America. The earliest written example comes from a December 1949 edition of The Long Beach Independent: "Food Editor Beulah Karney has more than 10 ideas for the homemaker who wants to say "Merry Christmas" and not have it cost her an arm and a leg."
Example: "Be careful with that! It cost an arm and a leg."

QUOTE BOX

If you could say it in words there would be no reason to paint. **—Edward Hopper**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WHERE
CLEAN

Answer: Clean underwear.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bamboozle, beguile or gyp
5 Strange
8 Wood and string toy (2-2)
12 Arab kingdom, once called Mesopotamia
13 Milne marsupial
14 Eye part
15 Extremely poisonous or injurious
17 Cobblestone - "test" anagram
18 BSE deal
19 Trouble or woe - "stir us" anagram ?
21 Toots or honks
24 Shoals
25 The possessive case of "we"
26 Very dry
27 Operatic princess
30 Married woman sometimes
31 Aquatic mammal
32 A type of adhesive
33 Automated online program
34 A false biblical god
35 One of TV's Huxtables
36 Incorrect
38 A person who is easily fooled?
39 Resounded
41 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
42 Naval Officer In Charge
43 Madness
48 Yellow part of an egg
49 Dundee denial
50 Faithful
51 "Sale" anagram for frothy drinks?
52 Global Navigation Sys.
53 Distort or falsify

DOWN
1 Roman 504
2 Mentalist Geller
3 Equality
4 Outfits, supplies or rigs
5 Famous cookie
6 Titlerole for Amitabh Bachchan
7 Small migrant plover
8 All-rounder Pathan
9 Lapse
10 Himalayan beast?
11 Porridge grain
16 Records
20 Prophet or visionary
21 Explosive device
22 Europe's currency
23 Former or previous
24 Replace an informative attachment
26 Reputation
28 Obligatory payments
29 Chinese seaport - "Mayo" anagram?
31 Reed instrument
35 Gibes
37 Stones or boulders
38 Open school grp.
39 One-named Irish singer
40 Lacking enthusiasm
41 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
44 Grandmother
45 Annoy
46 Calendar abbr.
47 Coniferous tree

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

R	O	B		A	R	M				T	A	P
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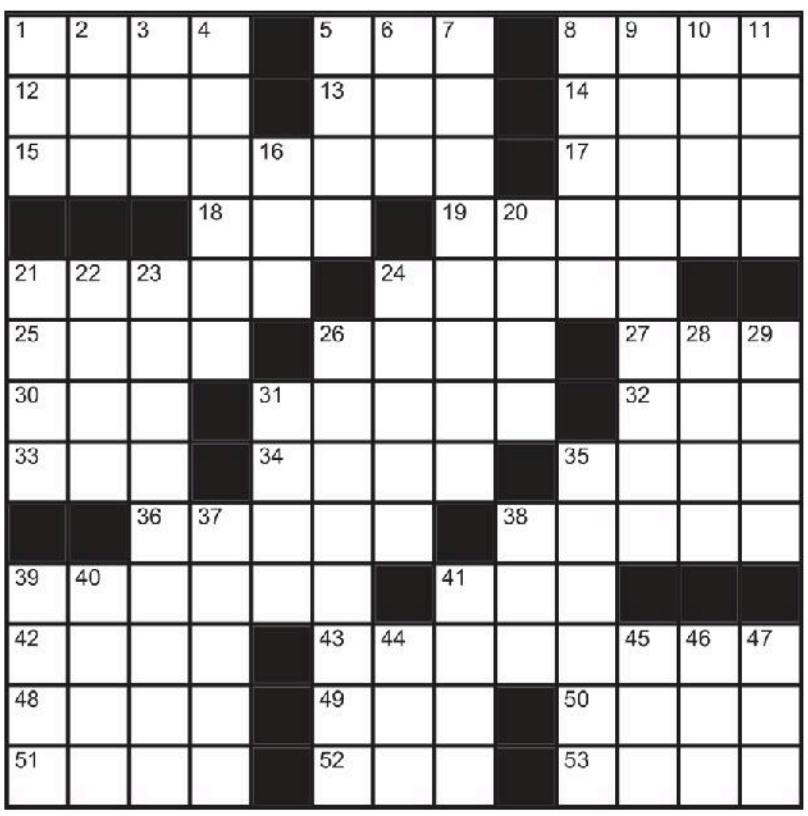

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	2	1		8		4	5	
6		3		4		2		8
	6		7		4		1	
	4		9		2		6	
5		2		9		3		7
	1	6		2		9	8	

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	8	6	3	5	1	2	7
7	6	1	2	8	4	9	5	3
5	3	2	7	9	1	6	8	4
1	2	6	5	4	9	3	7	8
8	5	4	3	7	6	2	1	9
9	7	3	8	1	2	5	4	6
3	1	7	9	5	8	4	6	2
2	8	5	4	6	3	7	9	1
6	4	9	1	2	7	8	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DSB UQZ PQD SZW MCVZO QNSBM VOZSAQZUW: MCWAW

PWWKP MS NW KSAW MCQZ WZSBOC MS OS QASBZH

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS Y

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: A statesman is a politician who places himself at the service of the nation. A politician is a statesman who places the nation at his service.

MOVIE LOVERS

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Devara - Part 1 (Te) - 4 Shows

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Look Back Beyond The Blades (E)	(S-1)	10.20 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	(S-1)	12.45 pm, 4.15; (S-2) 10.05 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	(S-1)	7.45 pm
	(S-4)	8 am, 11.45 am, 3.15 pm 6.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Petta Rap (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-3) 1.10 pm
Kedharnath Kuri Farm (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Sanju (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	7 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-3)	9.40 pm

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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
The Greatest of All Time (Ta)	(S-1)	6.25 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Devara – Part 1 (Te)	(S-2)	8 am, 11.20 am, 2.40 pm 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	8 pm
Devara – Part 1 (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.20 pm, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
Hitler (Ta)	(S-4)	4.35 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	7.50 am, 9.30 am, 11.30 am 1.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 4.50 pm, 6.50 pm 8.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.50 am, 2.50 pm, 6.10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	2.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	9 am, 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	11.30 am
A.R.M (Ma)	:	11.40 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	2.55 pm
Tumbbad (H)	:	4.10 pm
Taal (H)	:	6.30 pm
Kishkindha Kaandam (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	10.15 pm
Dharmaveer: Mukkam Post Thane 2 (Marathi)	:	6.15 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.10 am, 1.50 pm, 9.10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	11 am, 2.40 pm, 5.30 pm 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	12.50 pm
Kedarnath Kuri Farm (K)	:	10.10 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	11 am, 5.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	2.35 pm
Tumbbad (H)	:	4.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	7.05 pm

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Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 11 am, 1.40 pm 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10 am, 5.20 pm
Devara - Part 1 (H)	:	3.10 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	9.30 am, 7 pm
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Hitler (Ta)	:	12.50 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.40 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	10.20 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	6.50 am, 7.50 am, 11.30 am 1.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.50 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	10.30 am, 2.10 pm, 5.50 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Ma)	:	10 pm
Kedarnath Kuri Farm (K)	:	10.30 am
Meiyazhagan (Ta)	:	10.40 am, 3 pm, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Sanju (K)	:	4.50 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	:	6.40 pm
Hitler (Ta)	:	7.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

City MMA athletes win medals

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Chintan Ponnanna, Supreeth Srikanta, Shreeshan Dharmaveera, Coach & athlete Samarth Vikram, Manohar Nayaka, Theeksha Bharuni, Coach N.P. Kiran, Kru. Vikram, R. Namrata, Preetham, Yuktha Ravi, Prabhudev, Ravikumar and Mohammed Zaid.

Mysuru, Sept. 30- The following MMA athletes of the Academy of Martial Science (AMS), Mysuru, who represented the State at the Activfit Fitness Expo, Indian Open MMA Championships held in Mumbai between Sept. 19 and 21, bagged 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals for Karnataka:

Chintan Ponnanna - Bantam Weight - Gold Medal; Supreeth Srikanta - Feather weight - Bronze; Shreeshan Dharmaveera - Junior welter weight - Silver; Samarth Vikram - Junior Bantam weight (Full amateur rules) - Silver; Manohar Nayaka - Fly weight Division - Bronze; Theeksha Bharuni - Female youth B, 52 kgs Division - Silver; R. Namrata - Female Youth C, 52 kgs Division - Gold; Preetham - Youth A fly weight - Bronze; Yuktha Ravi - Women Bantam weight Division - Gold Medal; D. Prabhudev - Fly weight - Gold; Ravikumar - Feather weight - Bronze; Mohammed Zaid - Junior Welter Weight (Full amateur rules) - Gold; Aryan Raj - Youth A Bantam Weight - Quarter Finalist.

This event played host to more than 300 youths, junior and senior athletes from across the country. The AMS team was a part of 21 athletes' contingent drawn from various parts of Karnataka. Team AMS played an instrumental role by winning 12 medals to put Karnataka at No. 3 position in the country.

Team AMS is trained by IMMAF certified (International Mixed Martial Arts Federation) MMA coaches Kiran, Kavyashree and Samarth Vikram and mentored by Kru. Vikram who is the Founder-Director of AMS, Team India Coach and IMMAF Youth Commission Member.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 30)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Ha.Ma.Na. Pratishtana, Mysuru and Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University of Mysore (UoM):** UoM Dr. Ha.Ma. Nayak Memorial Lecture on 'Medule Jeevajatada Pradhananga' by Dr. K.J. Rao, retd. Professor, UoM; Ha.Ma.Na. Pratishtana President and writer Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa presides, Einstein auditorium, DoS in Physics, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **Hale Beru Hosa Chiguru Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** 'Somgeeta Sammilana' programme featuring Kannada-Hindi songs, MLA M.K. Somashekar inaugurates, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, Mysuru City (District) Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 1)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **District Administration and Zilla Panchayat, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Women & Child Development Department and Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Mysuru, JSS Senior Citizens Helpline Centre, Mysuru and organisations working for the welfare of senior citizens:** International Day for Older Persons, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates in the presence of CM Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, **11 am;** Legal Awareness Programme, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge and DLSA Chairman Ravindra Hegde inaugurates, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra auditorium, old JSS Hospital premises, **2 pm.**

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